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## CHARLES M. NOBLE NAMED AS TURNPIKE CHIEF ENGINEER

Edward W. Kilpatrick Assumes Duties As State  
Highway Engineer

Charles M. Noble, State Highway engineer since February, 1946, became the chief engineer of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, effective May 23. In assuming his new post Commander Noble is leaving the Department on a six-month leave without pay. Commissioner Miller has named Edward W. Kilpatrick, assistant State Highway engineer since July, 1944, as acting State Highway engineer as of May 23.

Originally named to the top engineering position in the Highway Department after serving in the Navy during the war, Commander Noble brings to his new position

ing war years, and later served as assistant State Highway engineer and personnel officer.

## G.I.'s Capture Play-Off Crown

Guards Finish First In Regular League Play

The final curtain was rung down on the 1948-49 bowling season on April 25 when the G.I.'s defeated Machine Shop in the best three out of five series for the league crown.

Prior to this deciding contest these teams had reached the finals by eliminating the Guards and White Line crews in the playoffs, although the Guards had ended the regular season in first place after a consistent year's bowling.

The highlight of the final play-off was the 226 game rolled by Bob Ettenger who came through when the chips were down with his best game of the season.

The year's activities were brought to a close with a banquet on April 26 at which time a new slate of officers was elected for the 1949-50 season. Retiring president Joe Mizsur turned the gavel over to Jack Washburn, the newly elected president, whose fellow officers are Vice-president George Collins and Secretary-Treasurer Anthony Crea.

The high game rolled during the year was credited to Joe Mizsur who knocked the pins down for a 236, while George Collins compiled the highest three-game average with an enviable 647.

The standings at the end of the regular season were as follows:

| Team                 | Won | Lost |
|----------------------|-----|------|
| Guards               | 53  | 31   |
| White Line           | 49  | 35   |
| Machine Shop         | 48  | 36   |
| G. I.'s              | 47  | 37   |
| Electrical           | 43  | 41   |
| Equipment            | 42  | 42   |
| Maintenance Painters | 28  | 56   |
| Inspection           | 27  | 57   |

## Patrick R. Freeman

Patrick R. Freeman, 69, a clerical employee of the Administration Division for many years, died in Mercer Hospital on May 16, following an operation.

Mr. Freeman made his home at 109 Calhoun St. He originally came to the Highway Department in the capacity of inspector in 1928. Shortly thereafter he was transferred to the Administration Division where he handled the distribution of State Highway road maps.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Joseph E. Tallon, an employee of the Planning and Economics Division; a sister, Mrs. Ellen Doolan; and two brothers, John T. of Trenton, and William of Westwood, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence on May 19 and burial took place in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, following requiem high mass at St. Francis Church.

To Mr. Freeman's survivors THE HIGHWAY extends deepest sympathies.

## Only the Autobahn Remains!

When Hitler proclaimed his fantastic ambitions of world domination for the Third Reich, he uttered the brash boast that "National Socialism would last for a thousand years." The joke now current in a defeated Germany is: "Yes—10 years of Nazification and 990 years of De-Nazification."

Germany's larger cities now lie in ruins; rubble is piled 30 feet high in many of its great urban centers. Churches, colleges, museums, homes, and stores have all without distinction been leveled by the waves of destructive bombings. In all there is in excess of 560,000,000 cubic yards of rubble, according to the best estimates. Berchtesgaden is a shambles and the Reich Chancellory, the scene of Hitler's transient power, is being literally dismantled stone by stone and transported to Russia.

The once proud German Army and Air Force are no more; not a German Army uniform is to be seen on the streets of Germany by order of the Occupation Forces. Nothing remains today of this political and military dictatorship that was built by bluff, bluster and propaganda.

But one thing has survived the defeat of German arms—namely, the Autobahn or superhighway. More than 3,000 kilometers or 1,864 miles of this four-lane divided highway was completed prior to the outbreak of the war by the famous Todt Engineering Organization. The building of this highway was two-fold—to create a network of military roads radiating out from the hub—Berlin—so that mechanized equipment could reach the borders of the Reich in a minimum of time. It was so designed and built that its long, straight lanes of pavement could be used as landing strips for bombers and jet fighters. Second, the construction of this vast public work sought to provide work for 50,000 to 100,000 workers of Germany's unemployed. And so it did.

This great network of modern four-lane controlled access highways, which I saw being built in 1937, that was to play such an important role in Hitler's conquest of the neighboring countries, today remains the only visible evidence of Hitler's urge to rival the ancient Caesars as a roadbuilder. As a superhighway it contains many modern features. A center mall of twenty feet with occasional plantings in the center divides the traffic. Every twenty kilometers there are gas service stations. But along its entire length there are no roadside stands or roadside advertising signs. As one travels over the Autobahn, which by-passes the cities on long tangents through virgin country, one sees occasionally a bridge destroyed by the retreating German Army. But aside from this the highway appears in good repair—a monument to good highway engineering, if not to a worthy political purpose.

For members of the New Jersey State Highway Department there is an interesting connection with the German Autobahn. Early in the 30's a group of engineers from the Todt Organization came to this country and were taken around the New Jersey Highway System by Mr. Fred Claus, Northern District Engineer. At the close of their trip the German engineers requested and received copies of our plans for Route 25, including clover-leaves and traffic circles. By a coincidence one set of plans was uncorrected; the Germans, with characteristic thoroughness, copied all our mistakes as well as our good designs.

The moral is clear. A good road will endure even though it may be used for an evil purpose.

## Flies to Germany On Special Mission

Commissioner Miller Makes  
Trip in Interest of Student  
Exchange

Commissioner Miller recently returned from a short visit to Germany and France as a member of a Special Commission on Self-Help, whose broad purpose is to assist in the rebuilding of the democratic forces within Germany.

Accompanied to Europe by Dr. Ernest O. Melby, Dean of the School of Education at New York University, and joined in Germany by other members of the Commission, the Commissioner flew to Germany for the purpose of making a survey to determine the advisability by on-the-spot interviews of re-establishing the former work-student exchanges with that country. The trip, as a guest of the U. S. Military Government and the Rockefeller Foundation, was made with the concurrence of Governor Driscoll after Mr. Miller had received invitational orders from the War Department.

It was because of the fine previous record of the Work Student Exchange that General Clay urged its revival. Originally started about 25 years ago, this movement had been instrumental in bringing to America 500 graduates of German universities in the years preceding the war—principally in engineering and agriculture. These men worked in factories and on farms while here and studied the methods of a free democracy while earning their expenses on a self-help basis.

Upon returning to their homeland they became missionaries of our democratic way of life to such an extent that when totalitarianism swept over Germany under Hitler many of these former students died in concentration camps. Three hundred survived the war and the Nazi tyranny.

## Depositors to Get Added Benefits In Credit Union

Liberalized Policy Adopted  
By Board of Directors

Edward A. Filene, founder of the Credit Union movement in the United States, once said: "A debt should die with the debtor." As a direct result the Cuna Mutual Insurance Society (non-profit-cooperative) was organized.

The recent adoption of this loan protection and life savings insurance plan by the board of directors is another of the many benefits and services made available to the members of the Highway Credit Union.

In case of permanent disability or death of a member under age 70, the unpaid balance on any loan will be paid by the Cuna Mutual Insurance Society. In addition, the beneficiary will receive an amount equal to the total amount of savings on deposit (up to a maximum of \$1,000) with slight reductions in coverage of savings made after reaching the age of 55 years.

Suppose a member had \$1,000 in his savings account (accumulated prior to age 55) and owed

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CHARLES M. NOBLE

a vast experience in turnpike construction. Prior to the war he was special highway engineer with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, where he had overall supervision of the design of special highway features on this pioneer express highway.

He has written a number of important papers on express highways and safety highway design which have been awarded the Arthur Wellington Prize by the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Clemens Herschel Prize by the Boston Society of Civil Engineers. He has lectured at both Harvard and Yale Universities on express highway design.

Mr. Kilpatrick has spent a lifetime in construction work. After several years in building construction with his father, a New York contractor, he became a superintendent in road construction. The first concrete highway built in New Jersey (Route 24 near New Village) was laid under his direction. He was also a consultant on the alignment and design of the Merritt Parkway.

Since joining the Highway Department, Mr. Kilpatrick has acted as a liaison officer between the Public Roads Administration and the War Production Board during

## Summer Working Hours

In accordance with a memorandum issued by the Department of Civil Service at the direction of Governor Alfred E. Driscoll, the summer working hours in State offices in Trenton, Camden, and Newark, beginning June 1 and extending through September 30, will be from 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., with one hour for luncheon. The luncheon period will ordinarily not begin before 12:30 p. m.

## Mrs. Chester A. Burn

Deepest sympathies are extended to Chester A. Burn, Deputy Chief, Department of Design and Construction, upon the death of his wife, Florence Sargent Burn, on April 29. Mrs. Burn passed away at Carlisle, Pa. Interment took place at the Westminster Cemetery of that city.

Besides Mr. Burn, the survivors are a son, Chester A., Jr., and a granddaughter. State Highway Engineer Charles M. Noble and Construction Engineer Harry D. Robbins represented the Department at the services.

## E. J. Davison Weds In Surprise Ceremony

Edythe P. Lister of Trenton became the bride of E. J. Davison of the Central Construction Division in a surprise wedding on Friday evening, May 27.

The ceremony took place at the Clinton Ave. Presbyterian Church in Newark and was performed by the Rev. David Coddington, a friend of the groom. The couple spent the holiday weekend in upper New York State.

Mr. Davison has been the office engineer in the Central Division for more than 25 years. His hosts of friends wish him every happiness.



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On May 17 the William A. Stickel Memorial Bridge was formally opened to the public with appropriate ceremonies. Here Mrs. Stickel, widow of the late Essex County engineer for whom the bridge was named, prepares to cut the ribbon. She is accompanied by her son, William R. Stickel. Other interested on-lookers include Governor Alfred E. Driscoll, Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., and the Rt. Rev. William A. Costelloe, of Harrison.

## SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

### UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank J. Spagnola

Life is so kind to our Charles A. Matthews. Fine, hale and hearty for his majority in years, Charles took two weeks' vacation to get married and settle in his new home in Livingston. Mrs. Matthews is the former Florence F. Smith of Livingston. Good luck, loads of it, to you both!

Kettlewood, at this writing, is planting his two acres in Pompton Plains. It's hard work, but he loves and thrives on it.

Francis Berberick was a very worried man when his brother suffered an attack of acute bronchitis and pneumonia in the latter part of April, but Frankie is smiling and humming again — so all is well.

Matchett's son, Noel, suffered a bad cut when he was accidentally hit on the head by a playmate swinging a golf club. Just about recovered from this, fate unkindly confined him again with an attack of the mumps.

Sandwald is riding again — in a nice new 1949 Dodge — but only when he can borrow it from son Bill.

Why do they call Cliff Maloney — of all names — Dagwood?

Harold Weiss sure had a nasty cold, took a week to recover.

Coupe (Comanche, that is) is shuffling around the office these days in a pair of soft-leather moccasins.

Is Spagnola lucky! Just bought a dandy drafting set from associate Zampella for a very nominal sum.

Joseph Artusio, jr. engr., reported here from the Construction Division on April 26 in exchange for Wally Asay, sr. eng. aide.

Hail! Hail! A brand-new baby boy for Mr. and Mrs. Podwysynski early in May. And the same good fortune occurred to Mr. and Mrs. Moritz. Good luck to you people, lots of it.

Wonder if Tuzzo (newly-wed) talked Pappaceno into taking the step. We hear it won't be long now.

### TRENTON

Al Cohen

Welcome is extended to Mary Gordon, the newest addition to Room 311.

Mr. Temperley has again motored out to Ohio to visit his daughter who makes her home in the Buckeye State.

Tough luck was riding in the new Packard of Jerry Osborn's brother on Easter Day. Jerry, his wife, mother, and brother were riding in the four-day old car just out of Eatontown when it was struck head-on by a car driven by a drunken driver. The Osborns were all hospitalized and although Jerry and his wife, who were in the back seat, escaped with minor injuries, his mother and brother were not so fortunate. Jerry's mother is still in critical condition and his brother's injuries will require a long hospital stay. We wish them both a complete and speedy recovery.

Henry Stephan went over to New York on May 4 to bid bon voyage to his sister Alice who sailed aboard the Mauretania for a six-week trip to Europe. Accompanying Alice is Betty Meskill. Henry reports that quite a party was held aboard ship.

### NEWARK

Ralph Perry

Deepest sympathies are extended to Alexander Desimone and family upon the death of his father on April 22.

Ed Houghton is doing it again, vacationing in Florida during the month of May.

Harry Stover was up in the air recently in a Navy blimp and did not enjoy it too much. He and Jack Summers (Perth Amboy Office) were taking pictures of the terrain near Morristown for relocation of Route 32.

M. P. Brower, our part-time farmer, took advantage of the early warm spell to get the spring planting under way. May your efforts be well rewarded, Max.

Stephen C. Link, philatelist (stamp collector to you), is interested in contacting other employees afflicted with this same 'mania.'

## Construction Comments

G. H. CONNER

The employees of the Northern Construction District wish to extend to Mr. Burn their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

Bob Ordish and the Missus vacationed at St. Petersburg, Fla. He attended a choristers' meeting while there and was introduced as the "New Jersey Canary," whereupon he was approached by a man who challenged his title. This man was John MacKenzie, one of our retired engineers, now residing at 1630 - 14th Street North, St. Petersburg, Fla. Mac first entered the State service in 1912 and sure would like to hear from some of his old friends in the Highway Department.

### DO YOU KNOW?

Elmer "Red" Rich is sporting a new Dodge car.

Anthony Stivaldi is driving a new Nash car.

John Marino's old car fell apart so he got a used Pontiac.

John Youngman is a home man since he got a new television set.

Robert VanZee is building a new home in Livingston and we are all awaiting invitations to the house warming.

John Farley walks up and down his job so much the contractor said a roller is unnecessary.

"Doc" Trainor finally dug deep in the mattress to come up with the "where with all" for a new car. These construction projects sure give a car tests the manufacturers never heard of.

### CRANFORD

Jim Roper

The party of Charley Siderits, Fred Marinaro, and Norman Andresson have a new member in Les Gabr. They're currently taking as-built on Sections 5, 5A, and 6A of the Parkway.

Claude Burrell, another new man, has joined George Bryan, Ed Dayton, and Harry Johnson staking the bridges at Route 25 and the Port Reading R. R.

Our third new arrival, George Truesdale, is with Charlie Loveland, Ed Malloy, and Sy Berger, taking original sections for Section 8. By the time this is in print Ed Malloy will be married. We offer our sincere best wishes to Ed and Mrs. Malloy.

Dave Brooks, Tom Reilly, Bill Reimer, and Irv Rubinstein are doing the preliminary field work for the super service stations for the Parkway. That Rubinstein is quite a guy. He has been teaching himself calculus in his spare time. What a hobby!

The committee of Ray Callahan, Pete Jensen, and Betty Dugan is trying to find a suitable time and place for our picnic. That ought to be easy — they have a whole summer and half the State to choose from.



Chester P. Smith is the latest in an illustrious line of reporters who have submitted Bridge Division news during the past seven years. Others who have served in this capacity have been Arthur Lichtenberg, David Lawshe, George Hefferman, and Wilbur Spencer.



The above sextet posed for this picture in 1931 when the Testing Laboratory was located on Quarry Alley in the building now occupied by the N. J. Board of Children's Guardians. In the front row, from the left are: Jean Anderson, Leon Cartledge, and Jenny Houman. And in the second row, in the usual order are: William "Hap" Manning, Leroy Vogts, and William J. Ryan. All six are still with the Lab. The photo was taken by Lewis F. Hall.

## BRIDGE BRIEFS

CHESTER P. SMITH

Paul Gabrenas and Wilbur Spencer attended the Mid-Century Convocation ceremonies at M.I.T. where they heard Winston Churchill, watched James Killian, Jr., Gabby's '26 classmate installed as M.I.T.'s 10th president, and spent a night with Frank Wilson at Situate, Mass.

Ladies' Night of the Bridge Division Club, scheduled for June 4, at the Robert Treat in Newark, will be completed down to bus transportation. On the program that night will be a steak dinner, special entertainment, and a swell orchestra for dancing.

Welcome to Harry VanZuch and Arthur Ackerman, new additions to our field forces. Harry is assigned to Plaza Road, Rt. 4B, while Arthur is on the Passaic River Rt. S-3 job.

Fred Dileo returned to the office on May 11 after a week in the hospital and a week at home — looking fit. Nice to see you back again. Another "inner sanctum" employee we look forward to seeing (1st and 15th of each month) is our friend Harry Leferson.

Jack and Mary Evans recently entertained an office group . . . Morris Goodkind attended the A. S. of E. National Convention at Oklahoma City. M. G. is a director of the Society . . . Bob Simon's older boy, Stanley, will be married on June 12 . . . Jack Patrick made a couple of flying trips to the Maurice River bridge and reports that the fishing is below par . . . Phil Burch dividing his time between his summer place at Ocean Gate and his home in Trenton . . . Jimmy Birke's hobby is repairing and re-decorating antique clocks . . . Jack Sheenan predicts that the Assumpink Creek will be flowing through its Trenton Freeway flume by June 1 . . . Paul Geiser, Charlie Spence, George Voorhees, George Piel, Bill Higginson, and George Hefferman all passed the senior bridge inspector exam . . . Wilbur Spencer and Jack Koffler are now principal engineers as a result of passing the December 3 test . . . Florence Franke observed a birthday on April 27. Belated congratulations . . . Henry Luning is riding a tractor every evening until dark, and Bill Simon is clearing his 13-acre tract in Lawrence Township in preparation for future home building . . .

Bruno Elsbergas recently welcomed his mother to this country. She arrived from Paris on the Queen Elizabeth.

## EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

A few years ago when John Gleekman became the owner of a chow dog he was soon to learn that their heavy coats matted and needed continual combing and brushing. This set John to thinking, with the result that he has invented, patented, and is now manufacturing a small rake with a short aluminum handle and wire teeth. It is called a Groom-A-Rake and is finding a ready market. It all goes to prove that ideas can be useful and profitable at the same time.

Sympathies of Fernwood are extended to Bill Moran, core drill operator, on the death of his sister who passed away very suddenly at her home in Trenton.

On April 9 Jim Collins, inspector in charge of Merchantville Garage, went and got himself married to Mrs. Emma Valerio of Delair, N. J. To them we extend our best wishes for a long and happy married life.

A recent Fernwood visitor was Frank O'Brien, better known as Colonel. He has been on the sick list for the last few months and underwent several operations at St. Francis Hospital for cataracts on his eyes. If he continues to show the same rate of improvement, it won't be long before he will be his old self once again.

A series of changes among the inspectors at the various garages took place as of May 16. Tom Doell of Newark Garage was elevated to the post of chief inspector working out of Fernwood. Tom Buis was transferred from inspector at Dover Garage to replace Tom Doell at Newark. Harry Whitcomb, Fernwood mechanic and former acting inspector at Dover, was reassigned to the territory covered by the Toms River Garage. They extend an invitation to all Highwaymen in their various localities to call on them whenever in the need of service.

Off on an extended vacation which he plans to spend in his familiar haunts in Maine, Frank Devereaux left on May 28 for approximately three months, which we all hope will be thoroughly enjoyable.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry who celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on May 8.

## SONG OF SPRING

I think that I shall never see,  
A billboard pretty as a tree.  
Indeed unless the billboard fall,  
I shall never see a tree at all.



## Glamor Gossip

DORIS and JOAN

Bette (Wildblood) Cimbala wishes to thank all the girls who attended her luncheon and for the beautiful set of luggage they presented to her at that time. Peg Loveland, as hostess, is also to be commended for arranging so successful an affair.

The new plunging back neckline worn by Dottie Jantz at the Betty Wildblood luncheon seemed to fascinate the fairer sex as well as their lupine counterpart.

Ella Moore reports she had a very enjoyable week in Washington while attending the D.A.R. Convention. She visited quite a few of the historical places and found it all very interesting.

That a tonsilectomy is sometimes more than a minor operation can be attested to by Dorothy Brown, whose recovery extended over several weeks due to the development of a very irritating throat infection. Dorothy, a member of the Administration Division, is at 148 W. State St.

A cordial welcome to Mary Gordon of Room 311, another new addition to the Highway Department.

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to Helen Tallon of the Division of Planning and Economics upon the death of her father who passed away on May 16.

Dorothy Hunt, one of our key-punch operators, participated in the 1949 Elkscape, via a soprano voice. The fact that Dorothy has taken part in two previous annual performances by the Elks, as well as several other local musicals, is, we think, a very nice tribute to her vocal ability.

Also among the foot-light mentionables is the part Betty Lewis played in the Variety Show given recently by the Har Sinai 20-30 Club.

'Bye now.

## LABORATORY LINES

CHRIS KUCKER

On April 14 a group of approximately forty students from Lehigh University visited the Laboratory. Each year an engineering group from Lehigh make this visit. During the tour the students were shown the various materials and machines used in routine testing and given short explanations describing the procedure. Their questions were also answered by the various members of the Lab personnel.

Maj. Joseph C. Reed has returned from an assignment of active duty, being assigned to the New Jersey Headquarters, Selective Service System at Newark.

Fred Baumann is now recuperating at home, having been operated on at Mercer Hospital early in May. A speedy recovery and return to the office is the wish of all your fellow employees.

Captain Custer L. Lynn is now in his second year of return to active duty, being attached to the 8th Army Engineer Reserves, Far East Command. Exact location unknown.

During the past month many new employees have been added to the Lab forces, the latest group being: John Babashak, George Simcoe, W. J. Hartman, J. R. Mooney, J. T. Ryan, F. J. Zeis, and Herman Gleason. Herman, by the way, is the father of Bob Gleason, also a Lab employee.

Just when the Lab employees had visions of following the interesting life of a robin and her young, Mrs. Robin decided to desert her nest. Early in May a nest containing four of those familiar blue eggs was discovered on the fire escape an arm's length from a window. After a week of interrupted nesting, the Mrs. Robin decided more privacy would be needed to raise a family, for she promptly took off leaving nest and eggs intact.



Among the pre-nuptial affairs in honor of Bette Lee Wildblood was a luncheon held at Weinmann's which was attended by many of Bette's co-workers. Miss Wildblood became the bride of Peter Cimbala on May 7 at St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church. The wedding was followed by a reception at St. Mary's Hall.

## SUGGESTION AWARD PROGRAM

To be eligible for rewards a suggestion must be approved by the Highway Commissioner for adoption into practice. The award classifications follow:

1. Efficiency rating credits not exceeding 4% for each rating period are added to a successful suggester's record as follows:
  - a. 1% when approved by the Highway Commissioner on recommendation of Suggestion Committee.
  - b. 1% when adopted into practice.
  - c. 2% based on values realized through trial over a two-year period.

It is possible therefore to earn credits in more than one efficiency rating period for a single suggestion, and maximum credits in a rating period for more than one suggestion.

2. A Certificate of Merit will

be awarded by the State Highway Commissioner at a public ceremony for a suggestion of outstanding merit and value.

3. Cash awards may be earned for suggestions adopted into practice, and are classified as follows:

- Group 1. Suggestions on which monetary savings can be estimated. Minimum, \$10.00; maximum, \$100.00.
- Group 2. Suggestions on which monetary savings cannot be precisely estimated, as safety, health, human relationships between employees, officials, and citizens of the State, public relations, etc. Minimum, 10.00; maximum, \$100.00.
- Group 3. Beneficial suggestions of a minor or convenience nature. Minimum, \$5.00; maximum, \$10.00.

## PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

Inspector Matt Hahn is the proud papa of a baby boy, Thomas Andrew Hahn, born April 8.

Miss Louise Santarsiero, who formerly worked for the Electrical Division, is now assisting George Cubberley with his work, filling the place left vacant when Al Sustick left.

Inspector Martin Fernandi was hurt on the job recently. He received a cut on the chin that required several stitches and an injured arm that required X-raying. We wish him a speedy and total recovery.

Betty Meskill has finally taken a vacation. She is accompanying Alice Carrell, formerly with the Highway Department, on a trip to visit relatives and friends in England and Ireland. They also intend spending a couple of days in France. It should be a fine trip and we hope they enjoy every minute of it.

Mrs. Clara R. Sherman is taking Betty's place until her return.

## Administration Division

BILL WARD

A daughter, their first, was born to Vera and Kermit Bonner on April 27. The child has been named Diane and has its mother's looks.

Time was when there were quite a few athletes in this division. Egan, Boscov, Dunn, Mayer, were all creditable performers. But those were the days when the trolleys ran on State Street and most of the heroes have retired to ten pins or television. It is a pleasure then to welcome Dick Holden of the mimeograph room. Dick, a brilliant athlete, starred last winter at basketball and at present is third baseman for Hamilton Square in the Central Jersey League. A natural athlete, Dick last year pitched a no-hit, no-run game in the City League and will take his turn on the mound as the season progresses. Readers of "Glamour Gossip" who might have strayed over here are recommended to develop an interest in baseball, because if the big leagues don't sign Dick, Hollywood might.

From a local newspaper. "The Binder's display was one of the most attractive. It contained a completely furnished bedroom in the modern vein and featured pianos, organs, radio, and television sets."

One thing about the old bedrooms, though, they did have beds.

Tony diStefano, Tommy Harcar, Dick Holden, and Carl Cubberley work out almost every noontime in Stacy Park. They would like to form a softball team and have, in fact, been challenged to a game by another State Department but, as Tony points out, the contest would be a little uneven with only the four of them playing. Anyone want to help them out? All you need is the usual number of eyes, arms and legs. Youth wouldn't be held against you either.

Harry Geller is a member of the present Grand Jury. Fred Boulden, Sr., in that new hat looks like a man of distinction. Come to think of it, he is. Otto Peterson has opened his bungalow on the Delaware.

## HOPEWELL VALLEY TO BE SCENE OF ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Large Entry Anticipated for June 11 Event

Hopewell Valley has been selected as the scene of the 4th annual State Highway Golf Tournament. The date for the affair will be June 11 and the starting time is scheduled for 9:30 a. m.

In selecting Hopewell Valley, the committee in charge picked out one of the most beautiful courses in central Jersey. A rolling layout in a setting of natural beauty, it is a favorite course with all who have traversed its broad fairways and lush greens.

Three former winners will be vying for a second leg on the trophy this year when Jack Stephan, John Deter, and Johnny Kownack tee off. But in the expected field of 80 to 90 golfers who will be on hand on June 11 will be many who have never broken through the iron curtain of 100. Handicaps will be given on the basis of past records and prizes will be awarded for "kickers" with net scores between 70 and 85.

Each year the State Highway Tournament has attracted more golfers and the committee composed of Steve Barnocky, chairman, Barney Higgins, Frank Gephardt, John Kownack, and Jack Stephan, are looking forward to a record turnout.

Entry forms will be distributed on a wide scale and should you fail to receive one, by all means contact one of the committee members. Make up a foursome for the event if you can. However, if you so desire, the committee will place you in a foursome along with golfers whose average is close to your own.

In the event of rain the tournament will be held on June 18. The entrance fee is \$3.50 and all the entries must be in the hands of John Kownack, Room 218, State House Annex, prior to the date of the event. The Hopewell Valley course is located about 10 miles north of Trenton at Hopewell, New Jersey.



The gleesome threesome shown during a recent practice session are Morris Goodkind, bridge engineer, Fred C. Claus, district engineer of survey and plans, and Frank C. Young, superintendent of equipment. They are among the entries in the State Highway Golf Tournament which will be held at Hopewell Valley on June 11.

## Retirement System Subject of Talk

Fernwood Men Addressed on Pension and Retirement Benefits

On April 28 a special meeting of the Fernwood employees of the Equipment Division was held for the purpose of discussing the provisions of the pension and retirement law covering Civil Service employees. This meeting was called as a result of many requests for information on the subject.

The Fernwood group was addressed by Charles I. Levine, department claims administrator and chairman of the Pension Committee of the N. J. Civil Service Association, who explained the many advantages of membership in the retirement system.

This talk was particularly welcomed by the Equipment Division because numbers of its employees had not joined the system until many years after the date of their original employment. For this reason particular interest was shown in the provisions of Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1947 which permits pension credits by the State to employees who, because of the type of employment, were not encouraged to join the system when first employed. Under the law these employees are entitled to pension credits from the date of their employment even though they have made no contributions toward annuity credits to cover the same period.

Following Mr. Levine's talk, a half hour was devoted to answering questions pertaining to the retirement system.



## NAVY BLIMP AIDS IN STUDY OF HIGHWAY ALIGNMENT

Routine Training Flight Used for Aerial Survey In North Jersey

Through cooperation of the Naval Reserve Airship Squadron at Lakehurst, the Department sent two of its survey and plans engineers aloft April 20 for an aerial photo reconnaissance flight, one of the first of its kind for the Highway.

The flight covered the Morristown area where possibilities for rerouting of Route 202 are being sought by the Newark office of the Survey and Plans Division. Harry Stover, of the Newark office, headed the two-man technical staff, consisting of himself and Jack Summers, of the Perth Amboy office, who served as photographer for the mission.

Four possible routes were traversed in the "blimp" flight that started at 9 in the morning and ended at 3 that afternoon. With Mr. Stover spotting landmarks and possible obstructions to be photographed, 60 individual houses, factories, housing developments, and road intersections in the area were recorded on film.

From these shots, engineers of the Newark office hope to ascertain just what they are up against in the area. Aerial photographs of the conventional vertical type had failed to indicate in detail the types of buildings to be encountered. Photos taken on the airship flight were made at oblique angles. Similar photographs, but this time from the ground, were taken recently in Eatontown by Mr. Summers for the purpose of providing needed information for model construction.

Leaving the Naval Air Station on the flight that was arranged by W. M. Wagner of the Planning and Economics Division, the tour headed directly for Bedminster where the first photos were taken. Cranbury, New Brunswick, and Bound Brook were passed over on the way.

About two hours of cruising at reduced speed at a 700-foot level in the area between Bedminster and Towaco accomplished the photo taking portion of the flight. Air conditions were, to say the least, "bumpy," according to the Highway representatives. Both, however, were quite confident as to the results they obtained.

Excellent weather conditions prevailed for taking the photographs and the use of the blimp as a "platform" brought plaudits from the photographer.

The balance of the flight, which was combined with Naval Air Reserve squadron training activities, was highlighted by serving a steak dinner as a run down the Raritan River, across Sandy Hook, and then down the coast to below Long Branch was made. There the ship headed for Lakehurst and what the Navy might term "a routine landing."

Both of the Highwaymen were high in their praise of the courtesy and ability of the Naval Reservists and the hospitality shown them by Lt. Commander Richard Callahan, USNR, who acted as their guide and host. The facilities for similar flights, in conjunction with their own training program, were extended as an open invitation by the squadron administrative officers and both

of the Highway representatives have indicated their readiness to accept similar assignments in the future.

## ELECTRICAL FLASHES

JOSEPH MAHAN

**NEW FACES** — Ed Smyth, Herb Richards, Anthony Kraus, bridge operators; Linus Hoffman, Frank Rooney, Bill Rice, electrical mechanics; Marion Forester's goldfish. A cordial welcome to all.

We're pleased to see that Ross Bateman, bridge operator at Ocean City, has recuperated while in Florida, and is now back on the job.

Also back from the sunny south is Jim Lipari, president of the State Bridgemen's Association, who works as a bridge operator at the Shark River Bridge in Belmar. Congratulations to Ray Libensperger, draftsman, who was married on April 23 to Miss Marion Kosakowski of Trenton.

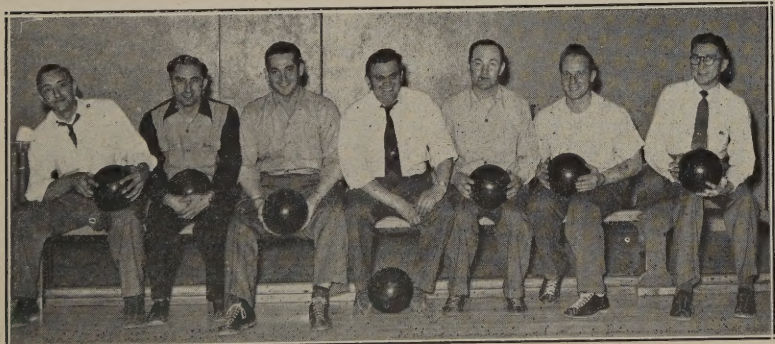
Advice to the lovelorn by Russ Henry: "Keep your old love letters now and they will keep you later."

## 1949 BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

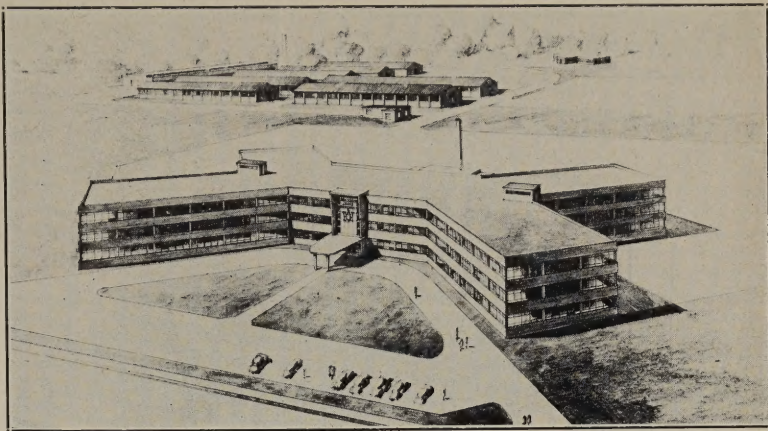


Wreathed in smiles as the result of finishing in first place during the regular league season, the Guards bowling team display their trophies. In front, kneeling, are George Washburn (left), newly elected league president, and Arthur Washburn. Standing from the left are John Isherwood, Dave Peacock, team captain George Lewis, and Joseph Buvel.

## PLAYOFF WINNERS



Here are the Fernwood G.I.'s, winners of the playoffs in the State Highway Bowling League. They attained this distinction by defeating the Machine Shop in a tough tussle. The Champs are, from the left: Andy Szalesick, Tony Crea, Al Walz, Jack Washburn, Al Szombaty, Bob Martin, and Charlie Ahr. The G.I.'s ended the regular season in fourth place.



The New Jersey office building which will soon be under construction at Fernwood is shown in this architect's rendering. It will occupy the land formerly turned over to the wartime Victory Gardens and will have approximately 85,000 square feet of office space. A complete cafeteria and elevator service will be incorporated in the building. Micklewright and Mountford of Trenton are the architects.

## Depositors to Get Added Benefits

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a balance of \$1,000 on a loan at the time of his death, his beneficiary would receive a total of \$2,000 in cash and a paid up receipt for the loan balance.

Present interest rates on loans are now 1% per month on the unpaid balance of \$200 or less; and 1/2% on that portion of a loan in excess of \$200. Maximum amount loaned to any individual is \$1,000.

The total interest for one year on \$100, \$200, and \$300 costs \$6.50, \$13.00, and \$18.26 respectively.

## Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

The laboring crews of Landscape Foreman Vail and Maintenance Foreman Henken are to be congratulated on the very fine work they did in the role of fire-fighting some time ago. When a large grass fire broke out on State Highway Route No. 40, in the vicinity of Red Lion, the boys pitched in and before long had extinguished it. Incidentally, the fire was not very far away from a piggery and, according to all reports, not one of the animals was lost. Nice work, fellows!

Russ Geller and Jimmie Walters have only recently returned from a sojourn in Florida. Russ went down first to visit his brother-in-law and Jimmie drove down a week or so later to follow the spring training of our Trenton Giants. Russ says that he managed to get in quite a few rounds of golf down there and also more than liberal quantities of those good old hominy grits which are so much in evidence throughout the South. Jimmie reports that he enjoyed watching the Trenton Giants perform during their Spring training and, from their very fine showing, he seems to think that they should have a successful season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McGinnis recently spent a very delightful week-end in Washington. Mac says that these week-end trips down there are now becoming so frequent he is seriously considering getting himself a plane.

George McCann, as is his custom at this time of the year, is now busily engaged during the week-ends getting his boat in shape for the coming season. George says he is looking forward to a very fine summer and hopes to get in quite a bit of fishing. Here's hoping that he gets plenty of those big ones.

Tony Kuhn is spending his vacation at home doing quite a bit of painting and general repairs to the house. We heard from him the other day and he says that he doesn't seem to be able to stand the altitude any more, up on those tall ladders. Says it makes him air-sick.

We wish to extend our condolences to the families of the following men recently deceased:

**Arthur Skewes**  
Died March 12, 1949  
Employed July 1932

Worked in Foreman Koch's gang.

**Martin Dempsey**  
Died March 22, 1949

Employed June 1929

Worked in Foreman Dix's gang.

**Bernard McCusker**  
Died April 6, 1949

Employed December 1928

Worked in Foreman Holt's gang.

We are happy to report the return to work of **Auggie Newman**, Maintenance foreman, after having been laid up for a few months due to a rather serious automobile accident. Auggie

## PLANNING and ECONOMICS

TRENTON

B. T. Patterson

P. & E. extends a hearty welcome to **Al Schwartz** of Maplewood. Al will serve with us as a junior Highway analyst.

Our past director and wife, **Mr. and Mrs. Johannesson**, are now home-junting in Florida after giving the far west a try.

Seen recently — **W. R. Bellis** and **George DeHahn**, giving a graduate student of Princeton a few pointers on Highway planning and economics.

**Werner Sonntag** recently returned from a one-week vacation spent in North Carolina.

For anyone who wants a good carpenter to finish off incomplete attics we would like to recommend **Len Dileo**.

More signs of spring — people asking our naturalist, **Johnny Stewart**, "What kind of a bird is it that - - ?"

NEWARK

Jack Meyer

**Juan Delgado** took a week's vacation to find and buy a spot in Maryland where he and Mrs. Delgado plan to live after he retires.

During the month of April several new faces joined our group. They are as follows: **Stephen Barker**, senior clerk; **Barbara Baylor**, Sylvia Finkle, Anna Judson, Edward Taylor, and Henry Tynes, clerks; **Gwendolyn Guion**, clerk-typist; and **Clarence Chamberlain**, traffic enumerator. We extend a welcome to all.

**Abner Fenn**, welcomed to our group in the last issue, left to be reemployed by another State agency. Best of luck to him.

Like runners at the starting gun, the field workers in this Bureau left the post with the start of good weather. Our road reinventory parties have been on the job for some time and some special loadometer operations are already under our belts.

Several origin and destination surveys are in the process of being organized and one, at least, will carry with it a parking study.

stopped in the office only recently and, judging from appearances, he seems to be in pretty good shape.

The following personnel, formerly employed in our laboring gangs are now retired:

**Albert W. Bassell**, Trenton  
Employed August 1929, retired April 1949

Formerly worked with Foreman **Faherty**

**Thomas Stevens**, Lakehurst  
Employed April 1931, retired April 1949

Formerly worked with Foreman **Miller**

**John R. Young**, Corbin City  
Employed July 1935, retired March 1949.

Formerly worked with Foreman **Campbell**